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In Visa Petition Proceedings
A-18500754

Decided by Regional Commissioner March 9, 1971

Since the qualification requisites relating to physicians as set out in 8 CFR 204.2(e)(2) may be applied to dentists, and since the passing by petitioner/beneficiary of the Science Achievement Examination for Dentistry given by the American Dental Association is not equivalent to passing the examination given by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates specified in 8 CFR 204.2(e)(2), petitioner/beneficiary, who received his dental education in Indonesia but did not obtain a full and unrestricted license to practice in that country, has failed to establish eligibility for preference classification under section 203(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as a dentist.

ON BEHALF OF APPELLANT: Allen R. Jackson, Esquire
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This case comes before the Regional Commissioner on appeal from the decision of the Acting District Director, San Francisco, who denied the petition on January 6, 1971 in that the appellant had failed to establish that he qualified as a member of the professions as a dentist and was, therefore, not eligible for classification under section 203(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

The appellant is a 33-year-old single male, a native and citizen of Indonesia. He was last admitted to the United States as an "F" student on September 18, 1968 and granted extensions of stay in that status to March 29, 1970. At time of admission he was destined to Bay City College of Dental-Medical Assistants, San Francisco, where he took a dental technician's course in "Crown and Bridge" and was issued a certificate showing that he qualified as a crown and bridge lab technician. On February 12, 1969 he transferred to the College of Marin near San Francisco where he was enrolled in a pre-dental course. Evidence has been